

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE DIVISION[645]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Physician Assistants hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 326, “Licensure of Physician Assistants,” Iowa Administrative Code.

These proposed amendments change from two to five the number of physician assistants who can be supervised by a physician and make the language consistent within the chapter. The purpose for the change from two to five is to make the administrative rule requirements consistent with changes related to Iowa Code section 148C.3(2) as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2185.

Any interested person may make written comments on the proposed amendments no later than September 12, 2012, addressed to Pierce Wilson, Professional Licensure Division, Department of Public Health, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075; e-mail pwilson@idph.state.ia.us.

A public hearing will be held on September 12, 2012, from 9 to 9:30 a.m. in the Fifth Floor Board Conference Room, Lucas State Office Building, at which time persons may present their views either orally or in writing. At the hearing, persons will be asked to give their names and addresses for the record and to confine their remarks to the subject of the proposed amendments.

After analysis and review of this rule making, there should be a positive impact on jobs. These amendments would allow additional physician assistants to be hired and supervised by one supervising physician. More physician assistants could work for one physician, allowing more patients to be seen by that physician’s office.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 148C.3(2) as amended by 2012 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2185.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 326.8(3) as follows:

326.8(3) A physician assistant who provides medical services shall be supervised by one or more physicians; but a physician shall not supervise more than ~~two~~ five physician assistants at the same time.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 326.8(4), introductory paragraph, as follows:

326.8(4) It shall be the responsibility of the physician assistant and a supervising physician to ensure that the physician assistant is adequately supervised. Upon agreeing to supervise a physician assistant, a supervising physician will be advised that the physician’s name will be listed with the board as a supervising physician. In regard to scheduling, the physician assistant may not practice if supervision is unavailable, except as otherwise provided in Iowa Code chapter 148C or these rules, and must be in compliance with the requirement that no more than ~~two~~ five physician assistants shall be supervised by a physician at ~~one~~ the same time, pursuant to 645—subrule 326.8(3). The physician assistant and the supervising physician are each responsible for knowing and complying with the supervision provisions of these rules.